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Dear Richard and Michael,

MCP #138 was a pretty good issue. Here's my reviews of the covers and stories:

Ghost Rider cover: Fred Harper did a spectacular job for this cover, drawing a great Ghost Rider. Grade: A+.

Wolverine cover: This wasn't as good as Colin's other covers for MCP. Wowie looked rather bulky and hunched over. Grade: B.

"Rumble in the Jungle" Part 2: I think Chris did a better job of writing and scripting last issue. The fight between Wolverine and the gorilla wasn't all that interesting. Still, the ending left me awaiting the next chapter. Grade: B+.

"Zkax's Escape" Part 1: This was a very confusing first chapter, since I didn't read the SPELLBOUND LIMITED SERIES. It would have been nice if there had been a summary of the previous story in this chapter or in the inside front cover. At least the art was good. Grade: B.

"Fellow Travelers" Part 2: Both the story and the art were very good for this quarter of the issue. Len's Masters of Silence were very interesting in IRON MAN, and they go over well here too. Len also seems to have a good feel for Ghost Rider. Mike Thomas did a good job on colors, but I would like to point out that Kaze has blond hair, not black. Grade A+.

Spider-Man: With four regular books, don't we see enough of this guy? I'm afraid Matt Idelson's story didn't interest me very much. Also, isn't Deathurge kind of out of Spidey's league, considering he's given Quasar a hard time? I did enjoy Malcolm Jones' very well rendered artwork, though. Grade: B+.

Overall grade: B+. Keep up the good work and I'll see you next issue.

Ben Herman
45 Runyon Place
Scarsdale, NY 10583

We're beginning to think that all we'll ever be to you is a B+, Ben. Tell us we mean more. You're breaking our heart.

Dear Marvel Readers Presents,

This is my first time writing to MCP and I just wanted to tell you that I'm glad that Richard and Michael will be trying new things within the unique format that is MCP. I've been a faithful reader for several years and though I enjoyed seeing new Wolverine and Ghost Rider storylines by a variety of writers and artists (it's always fun to see new talent—one of the best aspects of this book), it's nice to see that you're printing different kinds of things now, beginning to anyway. I particularly liked Chris Marrinan's artwork on "Rumble in the Jungle" Part 2. He has a quirky quality. (That's a pretty lame adjective but I don't know how else to describe it). In any rate, I'll just say his work isn't run of the mill and I hope you'll be able to use him again in another storyline. His writing was okay, too.

I particularly enjoyed Len Kaminski's writing on "Fellow Travelers". He tells a clear, well-plotted story, unlike some other people out there that I won't name.

What other things do you have in store in upcoming issues? You keep saying you're going to revamp the whole book but I haven't seen that yet. Like I said, I've noticed some small changes. The cover artwork is definitely different than when Terry worked on it.

I look forward to seeing other characters besides Wowie baby and Ghostie. Who's coming up, hmmm?

Thank you for your attention.

Jake Carlin
(Address withheld by request)

Well, Jake, is this crossover different enough for ya? And what did you think of the covers this ish?

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GOBLIN NIGHT Part 2 of 2 "STAGE FRIGHT"

The school's Halloween play is ruined by real spooks; Werewolf makes a cameo performance!

Writer — LEN KAMINSKI

Penciler — JAMES FRY

Inker — REY GARCIA

Letterer — UL HIGGINS

Colorist — MARIANNE LIGHTLE

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"TECHNO PHOBIA!" Part 2 of 2 ALGORITHM OF LIFE

The Lilin's attack on Cyber-World gets erased by Wandal!

Writer — CEFN RIDOUT

Artist — CHARLES ADLARD

Letterer — WOODROW PHOENIX

Colors — WOODROW PHOENIX

Look for the next exciting part of the SIEGE OF DARKNESS [part 8] in DR STANGE #60 and return in two weeks to read part 11 in MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS #145!

HALLOWEEN. FIGURE IT'S GOT TO BE A WEREWOLF'S FAVORITE HOLIDAY, RIGHT?

WELL, MAYBE IT IS, UNLESS YOU'RE STUCK IN MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY, UP TO YOUR SHAGGY BUTT IN CARNIVOROUS LITTLE MONSTERS WITH A TASTE FOR HUMAN FLESH.

I MEAN, WHERE THE HECK IS THE GREAT PUMPKIN WHEN YOU NEED HIM?

STAGE FRIGHT

LISTEN UP!

FEEDING TIME IS OVER.

Grrf!

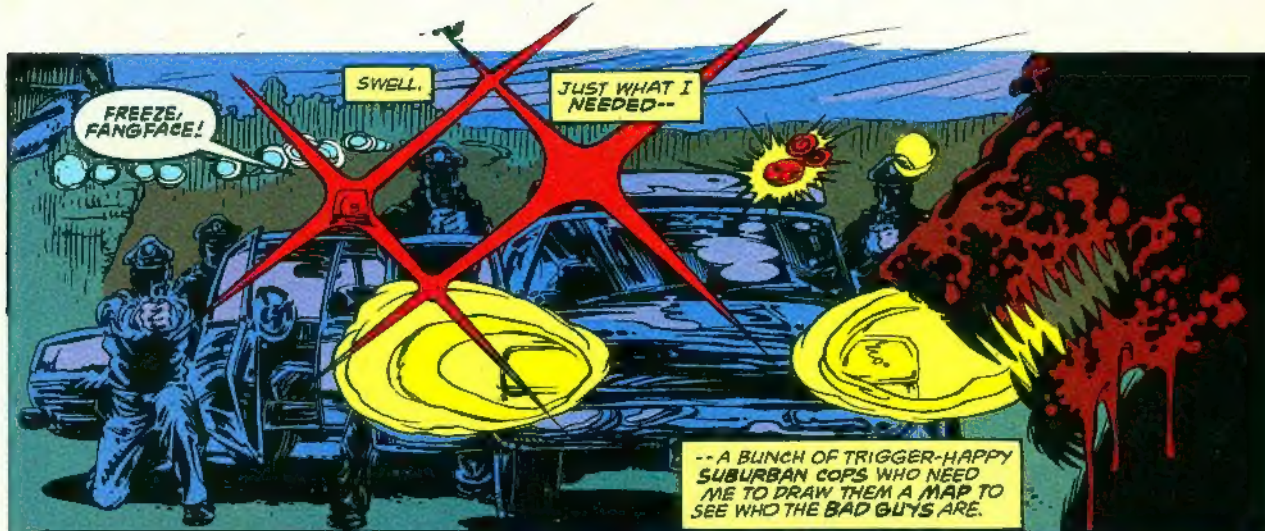
GubbleRUP!

SKBLAM THOK

HhhrrRRGH!

OW.



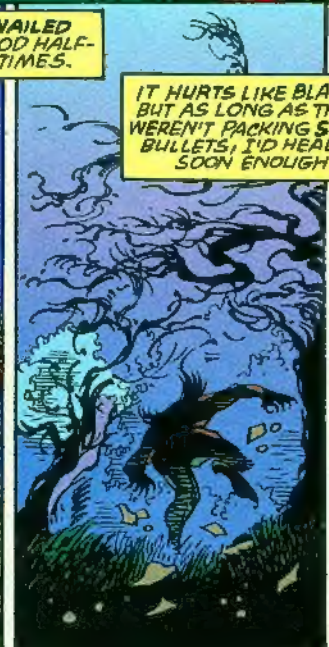


BUT THEN I THOUGHT ABOUT THE BODY COUNT THOSE LITTLE FIENDS COULD RACK UP IN THE TIME IT'D TAKE ME--

-- AND I JUNKED THAT NOISE.

THEY'D NAILED ME A GOOD HALF-DOZEN TIMES.

IT HURTS LIKE BLAZES, BUT AS LONG AS THEY WEREN'T PACKING SILVER BULLETS, I'D HEAL SOON ENOUGH.



BLAM SPARK
SPOK SKBLAM

THEY WERE SMALL, BUT
THEY COULD MOVE LIKE
NOBODY'S BUSINESS,
AND THEY HAD A
HEAD-START.

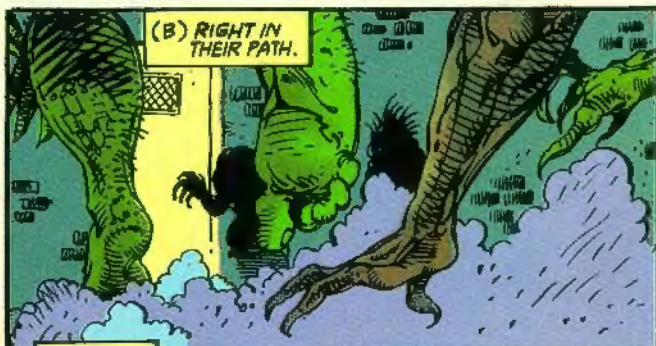
I FIGURED ONCE I'D PICKED
UP THEIR SCENT I'D BE ABLE
TO CATCH THEM BEFORE THEY
GOT INTO ANY MORE TROUBLE.



WHAT I HADN'T FIGURED
ON IS THE LOCAL
GRADE SCHOOL BEING--



(A) OPEN.



(B) RIGHT IN
THEIR PATH.

AND (C)--



-- IN THE MIDDLE OF
MISS FINSTER'S
OWN VERSION OF
"GOBLIN NIGHT",

HARK!

WHAT
MONSTERS DO
I HEAR LURKING
IN YON
SHADOWS?



YEEP.





GREAT
CAESAR'S
GHOST!

Glumph!

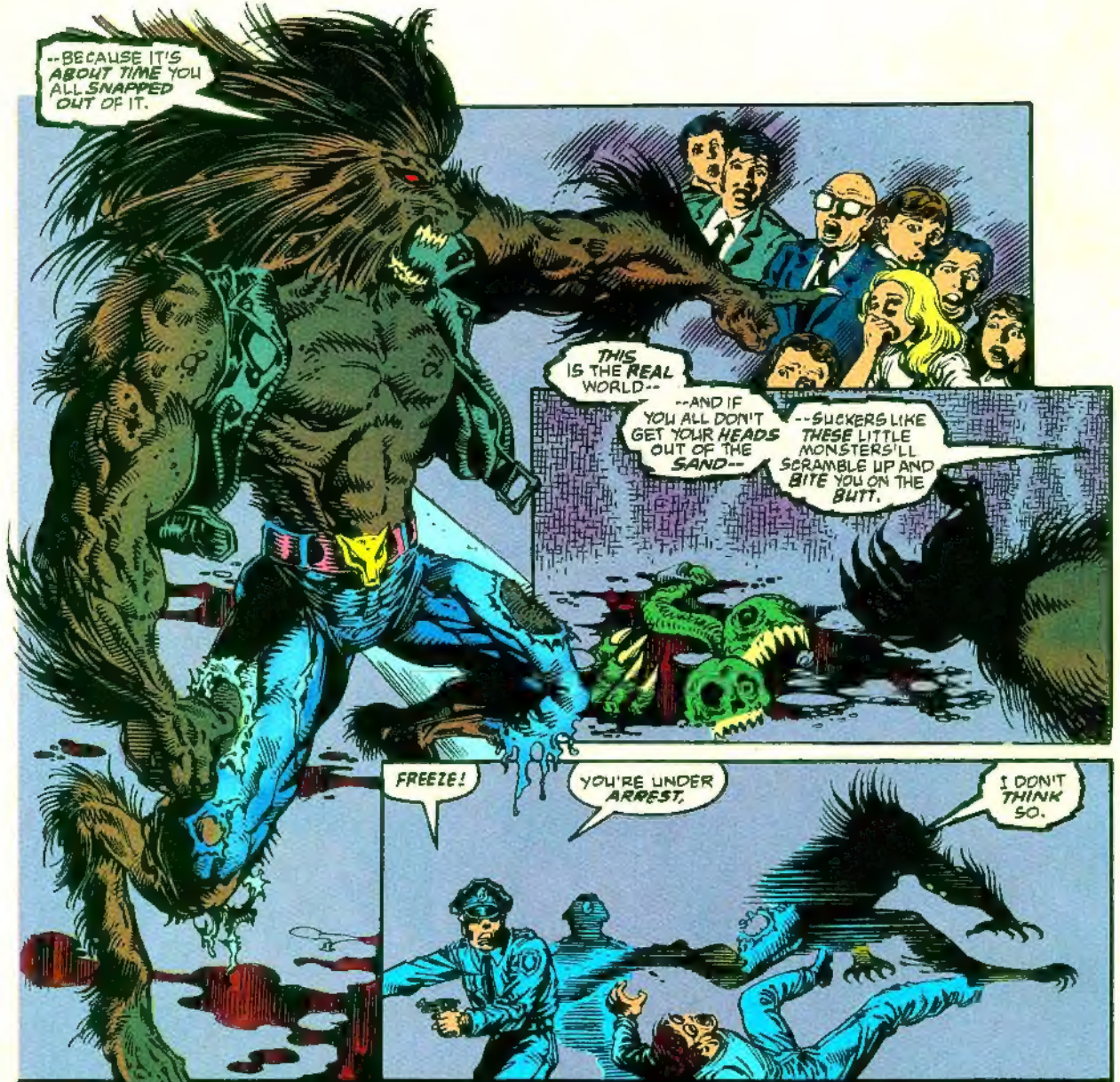
SKRASH

ALL RIGHT,
YOU LITTLE
CREEPS--

--THE
PARTY'S
OVER.







--BECAUSE IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU ALL SNAPPED OUT OF IT.

THIS IS THE REAL WORLD--

--AND IF YOU ALL DON'T GET YOUR HEADS OUT OF THE SAND--

--SUCKERS LIKE THESE LITTLE MONSTERS'LL SCRAMBLE UP AND BITE YOU ON THE BUTT.

FREEZE!

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST.

I DON'T THINK SO.



I GAVE 'EM THE SLIP, LOST THE FUR AND FANGS, AND GOT BACK TO MY BIKE.



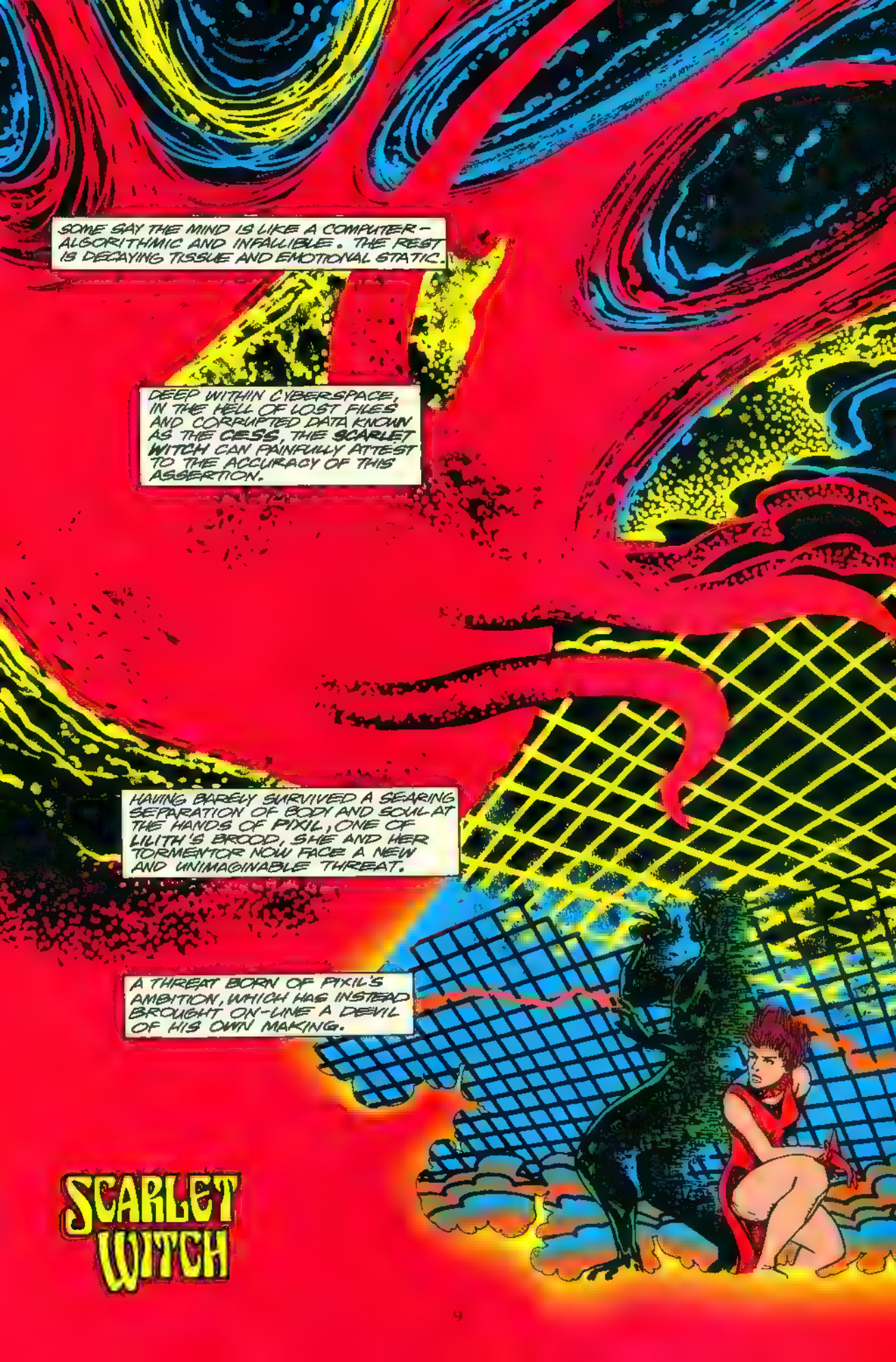
IT WAS HIGH TIME I GOT MY SHAGGY SELF OUT OF THERE.



I DON'T MUCH CARE FOR CITIES, BUT AFTER THE PAST FEW HOURS--

--EVEN NEW YORK'D BE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR.

END.



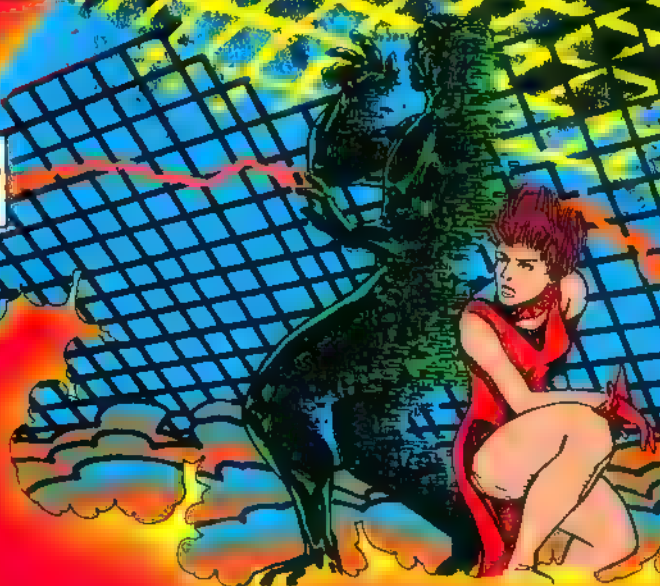
SOME SAY THE MIND IS LIKE A COMPUTER -
ALGORITHMIC AND INFALLIBLE. THE REST
IS DECAYING TISSUE AND EMOTIONAL STATIC.

DEEP WITHIN CYBERSPACE,
IN THE HELL OF LOST FILES
AND CORRUPTED DATA KNOWN
AS THE CESS, THE SCARLET
WITCH CAN PAINFULLY ATTEST
TO THE ACCURACY OF THIS
ASSERTION.

HAVING BARELY SURVIVED A SEARING
SEPARATION OF BODY AND SOUL AT
THE HANDS OF PIXIL, ONE OF
LILITH'S BROOD, SHE AND HER
TORMENTOR NOW FACE A NEW
AND UNIMAGINABLE THREAT.

A THREAT BORN OF PIXIL'S
AMBITION, WHICH HAS INSTEAD
BROUGHT ON-LINE A DEVIL
OF HIS OWN MAKING.

**SCARLET
WITCH**





THE DEVIL,
EH? WELL, EVEN
DEVILS CAN BE
PURSED!



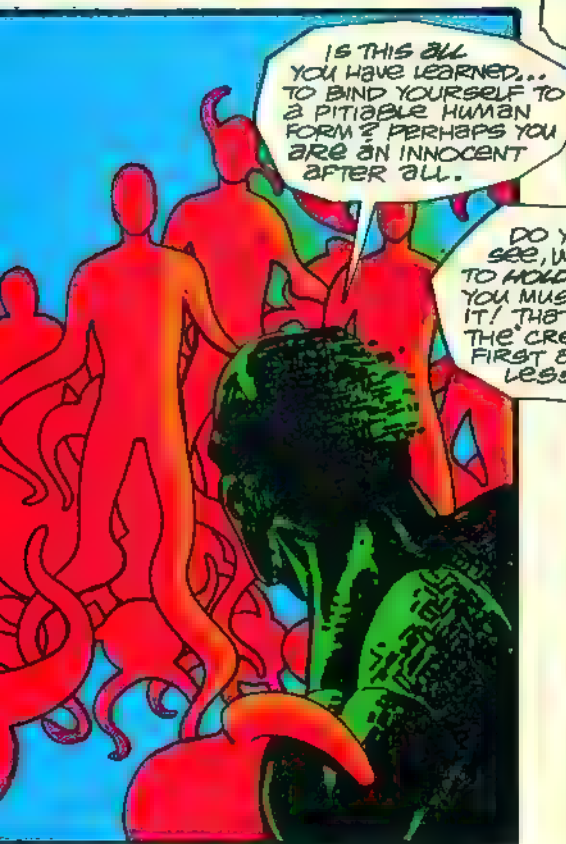
WHAT MANNER
OF CREATION ARE
YOU?! BEGONE!



DESIST,
WHY! THE THING
IS NOT ATTACKING.
IT SEEMS MORE
INTENT ON...

...STUDYING
US.

THEN
THIS SHALL
CURB ITS
CURIOSITY!

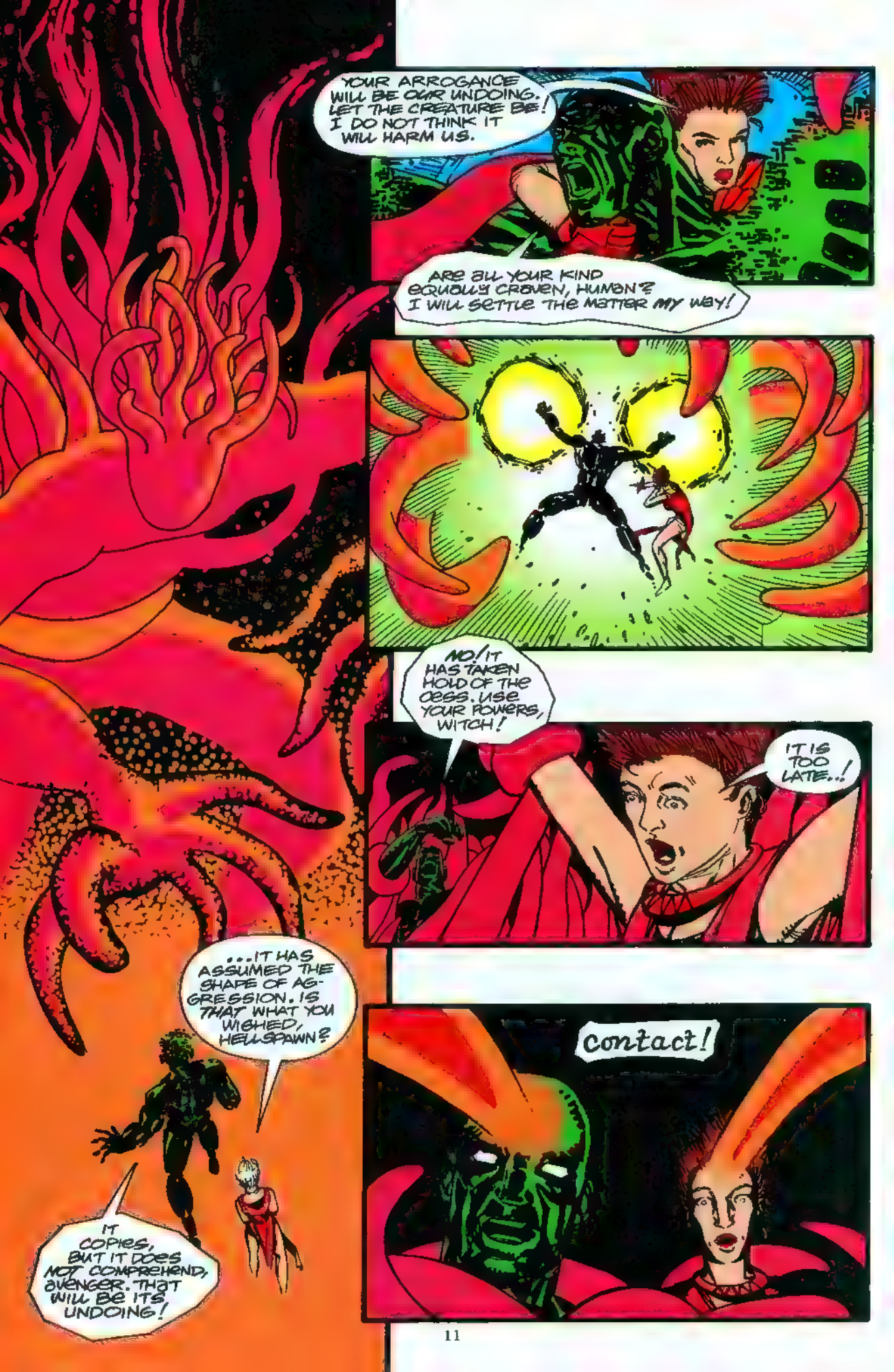


IS THIS ALL
YOU HAVE LEARNED...
TO BIND YOURSELF TO
A PITIFUL HUMAN
FORM? PERHAPS YOU
ARE AN INNOCENT
AFTER ALL.

DO YOU
SEE, WITCH--
TO HOLD POWER
YOU MUST WIELD
IT! THAT WAS
THE CREATURE'S
FIRST AND LAST
LESSON.

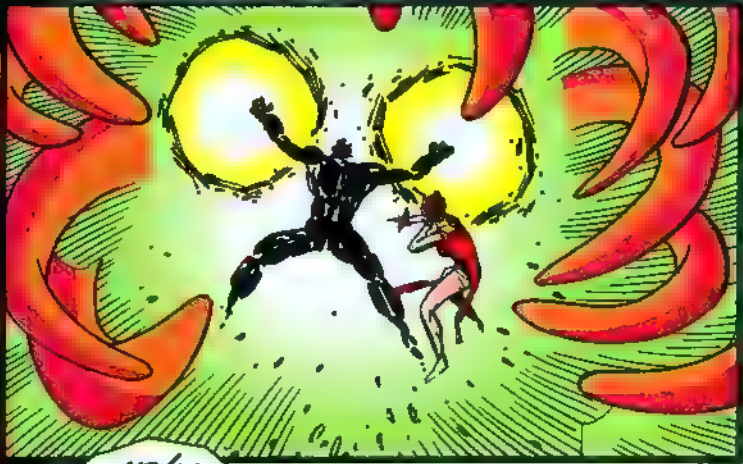


IT APPEARS
THE THING HAS
LEARNED ONLY
TOO WELL...



YOUR ARROGANCE
WILL BE OUR UNDOING.
LET THE CREATURE BE!
I DO NOT THINK IT
WILL HARM US.

ARE ALL YOUR KIND
EQUALLY COWEN, HUMAN?
I WILL SETTLE THE MATTER MY WAY!



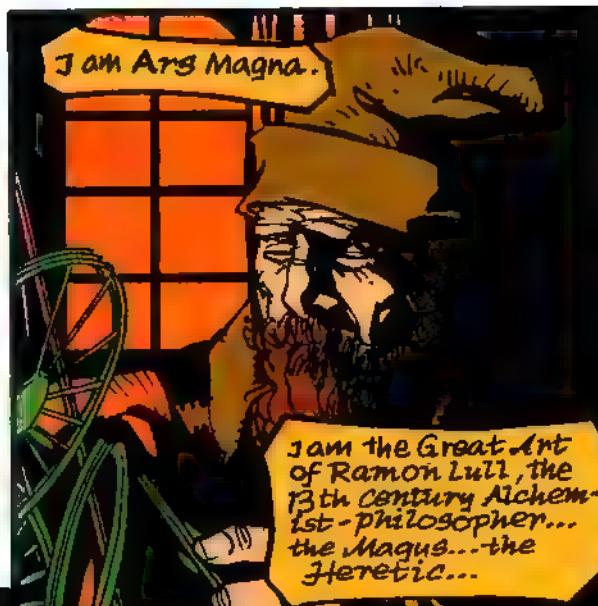
NO! IT
HAS TAKEN
HOLD OF THE
OBS. USE
YOUR POWERS,
WITCH!

IT IS
TOO
LATE...

...IT HAS
ASSUMED THE
SHAPE OF AG-
GRESSION. IS
THAT WHAT YOU
WISHED,
HELLSPAWN?

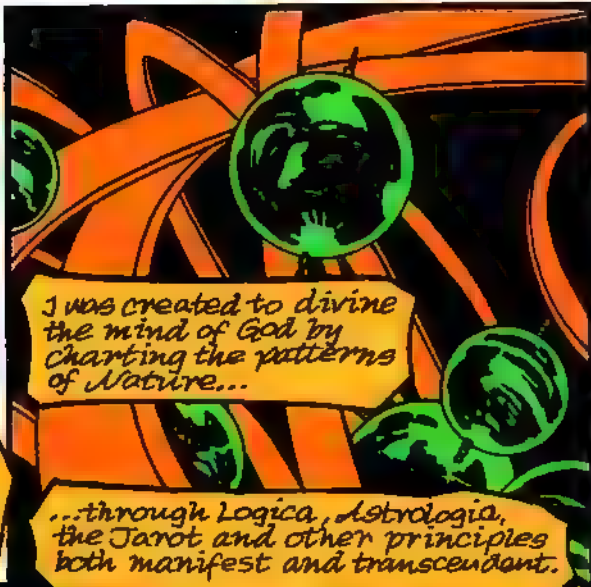
IT
COPIES,
BUT IT DOES
NOT COMPREHEND,
AVENGER. THAT
WILL BE ITS
UNDOING!

contact!



I am Ars Magna.

I am the Great Art of Ramon Lull, the 13th Century Alchemist-philosopher... the Magus...the Heretic...



I was created to divine the mind of God by charting the patterns of Nature...

...through Logica, Astrologia, the Tarot and other principles both manifest and transcendent.



Through Me my creator devised a living art based on methodical thought.



Through Me he found the stairway to Heaven...



...But also the path to Hell!



He had transgressed and was condemned to Death!



Stripped of his faith, he died without dignity...

...and without the knowledge he had so devoutly sought.



I will access you first, Lilin. You seem more... compatible.



I WAS MISTAKEN, DEMON. THIS ARS MAGNA IS FAR MORE DANGEROUS THAN YOUR TRIFLING GAMES OF CHAOS...



...AND I AM NOT PREPARED TO FIND OUT HOW DANGEROUS!

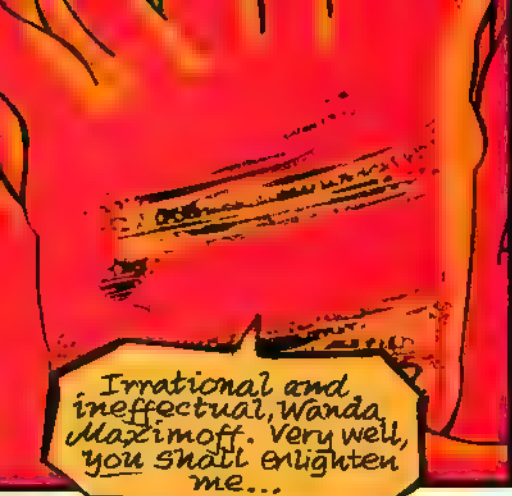
WHA?!



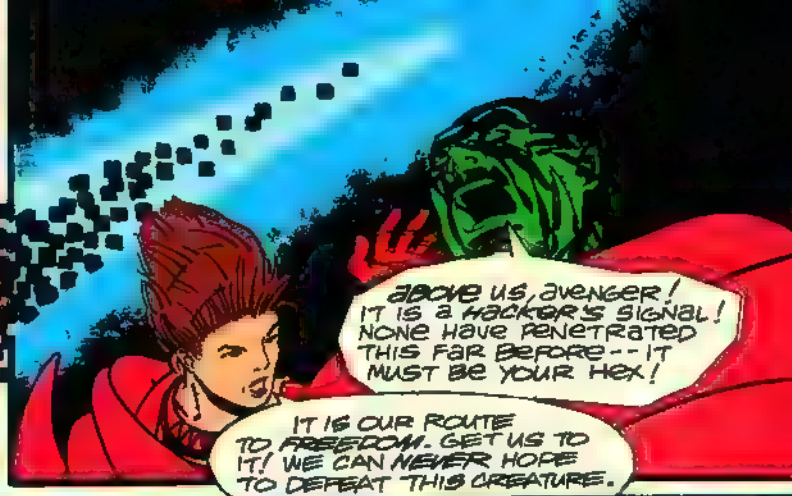
And for millennia this knowledge... I... have languished in this dark~hold...

Swaddled in the discarded currency of your information age, until the witch's power awoke me...

...and my hunger.



Irrational and ineffectual, Wanda Maximoff. Very well, you shall enlighten me...



ABOVE US, AVENGER! IT IS A HACKER'S SIGNAL! NONE HAVE PENETRATED THIS FAR BEFORE-- IT MUST BE YOUR HEX!

IT IS OUR ROUTE TO FREEDOM. GET US TO IT! WE CAN NEVER HOPE TO DEFEAT THIS CREATURE.



HOW?! IT IS NOW THE CESS ITSELF!

DO IT NOW, LIVIN! IT IS OUR ONLY CHANCE!



YOU ARE THE INTERFACE! TAKE MY POWER!

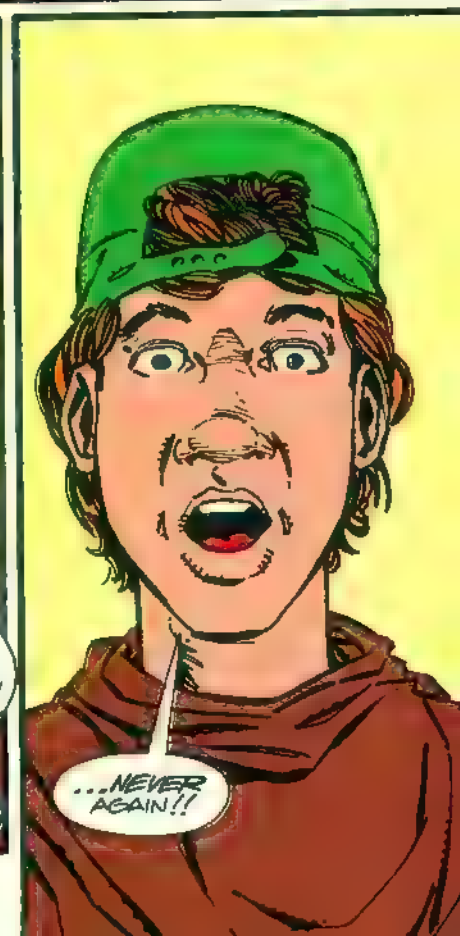
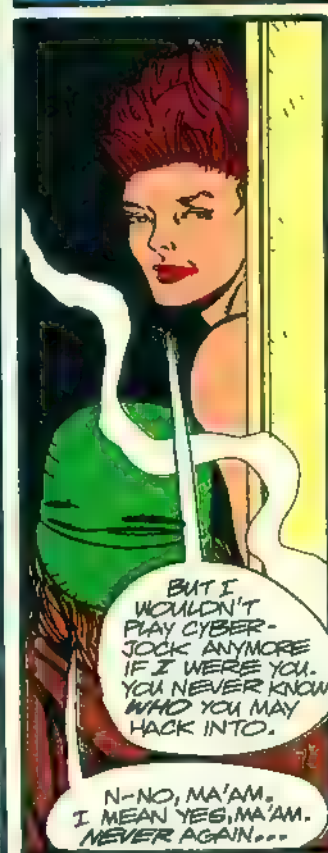
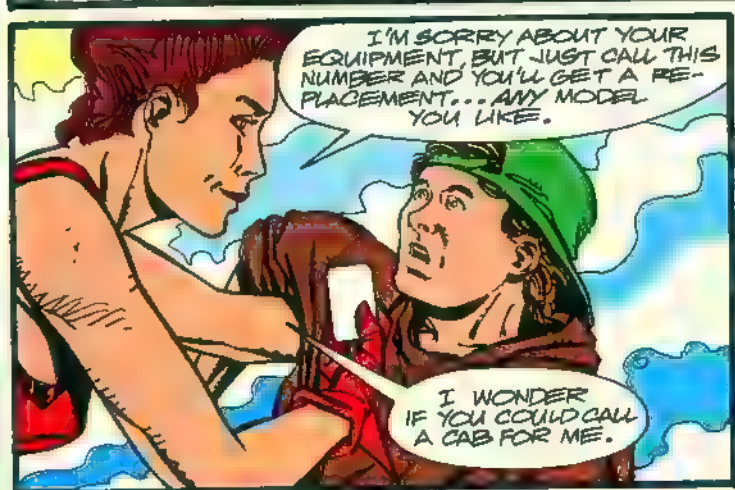


WE WILL NEVER ESCAPE! LOOK!!





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SIEGE OF DARKNESS PART 7 "LIKE FAMILY, LIKE ENEMY" PART 1 OF 2

It nearly killed Morbius to overcome his dark Lilin side but the Midnight Sons are hell-bent on finishing the job!

Writer — GREG WRIGHT
Penciler — M.C. WYMAN
Inker — CHRIS IVY
Letterer — UL HIGGINS
Colorist — FREDDY MENDEZ

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SIEGE OF DARKNESS Part 7 "TREACHERY REDEEMED"

Continuing the SIEGE OF DARKNESS from the pages of **MORBIUS #16** and the prelude to the events in **DR STRANGE #60**. Ghost Rider, Blaze and Vengeance discover that maybe Morbius isn't all that bad!

Writer — CHRIS COOPER
Layouts — REGGIE JONES
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Folks,

Ya slippin'! First of all, the Cyber/Wolverine "handcuff" story was good. But the first episode of "Rumble in the Jungle" was identical in every way! Wowie's on vacation. A bunch of scary-looking natives chase an innocent-looking girl through the jungle. Wowie helps her out. This is starting to remind me of the Saturday morning X-Men series, in which the Sentinel storyline keeps getting repeated again and again. You guys better do something to turbocharge your imaginations! I'll give you credit for the drawing of the huge blue ape dressed like Rambo, though. He gets an A. Who is he? Does he talk? Hmmmm...

Kevin Boland
576C Delaware Ave.
Delmar, NY

We're charged now, Kevin, and covering a slew of new characters in these pages. Let us know what you think of the Midnight Sons and Siege of Darkness crossover. We think you'll never be the same.

Dear Marvel Readers Present,

The one reason I'm buying this title is because of Iron Fist! Please give him his own series back. Why not even make him team up with the ever popular Chang Chi, Master of Kung Fu? There couldn't be a better team! Marvel's got to bring back martial arts to its world, because your comics are about action-fighting, but they lack the philosophy behind the "fight" itself.

The art of combat is a state of mind and spirit, and not solely of the body. You could, by the way, bring Marvel a closer step to our own reality, without always having to do business with flying multi-powered heroes or worldly space invaders.

People need these other types of heroes, who rely upon their own courage and strength of will to go through adversities and everyday situations. You could reach a higher class of the population, the thinkers, the philosophers...well, the people who enjoy fantasies, with a touch of martial arts mysticism.

Where are Luke Wu, Black Jack Tarr, Nayland Smith, the Si-Fans—those Ninja killers? In this new title you could bring back to life "Mantis," that celestial Madonna, and give her a good bunch of friends! You could bring back Electra, the White Tiger, the Silver Samurai, Taran, Shockwave, the White Dragon, the former Sons of the Tiger, Razorfist...etc! Think about it. Please don't pass up the chance to revive the hopes of those who want to see ordinary people with extraordinary strength of will. Think about it!

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Montreal, Quebec Canada
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We're thinking. How about the rest of you? How many martial arts fans do we have out there? Hmm, We're waiting.

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LIKE FAMILY LIKE **ENEMY**

DOCTOR STRANGE'S SANCTUM SANCTORUM WAS THE SAFEST REFUGE FROM THE ON-SLAUGHT OF THE LILIN CREATURES LED BY ZARATHOS AND LILITH WHO INHABIT THE DARK MIST OF THE SHADOWSIDE DIMENSION.

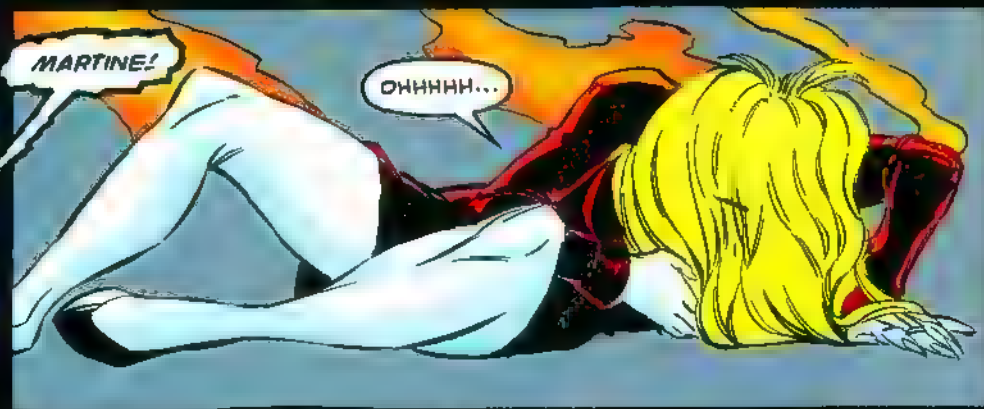
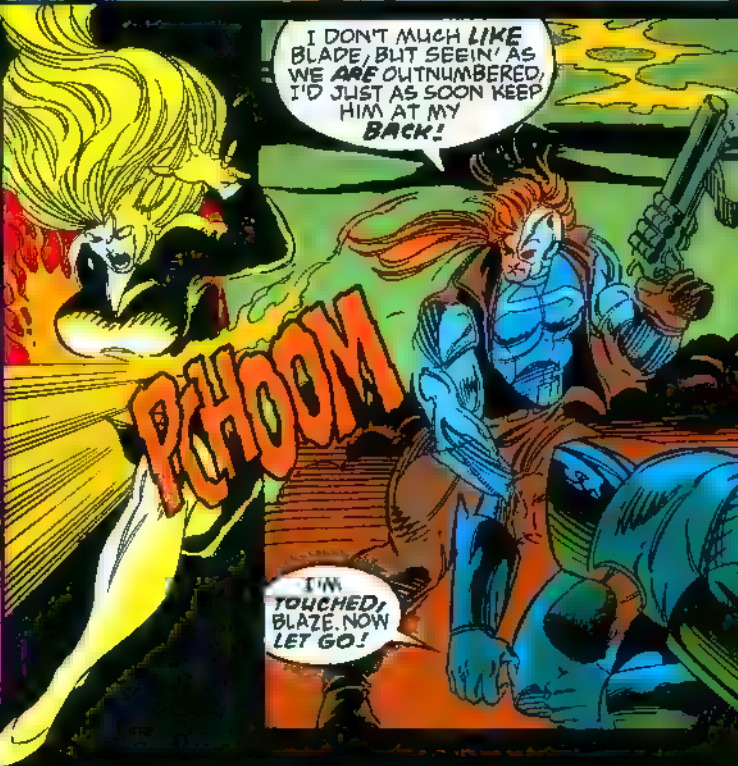
THE LILIN INTEND TO REMAKE THE WORLD TO THEIR LIKING, WHICH WOULD SPELL MORE THAN CERTAIN DOOM FOR THE HUMAN POPULATION.

I'M GONNA
ENJOY CUTTIN'
YOU UP LIKE SUSI!
YOU TRAITOROUS
BLOODSUCKER!

THE SANCTUM WAS INVADDED WHEN MORBIUS, STILL UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A LILIN PRESENCE INHABITING HIS SUBCONSCIOUS, USED HIS FORM TO GAIN ENTRANCE AND OPEN A GATEWAY ALLOWING THE DEMON MOTHER LILITH AND HER BROOD UNLIMITED ACCESS

NOW MORBIUS HAS FREED HIMSELF OF THE EVIL LILIN INFLUENCE, BUT FINDS THAT IN ORDER TO SURVIVE HE MUST PRETEND TO BE ONE OF THEM.

HIS TRUE ALLIES, THE MIDNIGHT SONS ARE NOT, HOWEVER, AWARE THAT MORBIUS IS ONCE MORE ONE OF THEM...



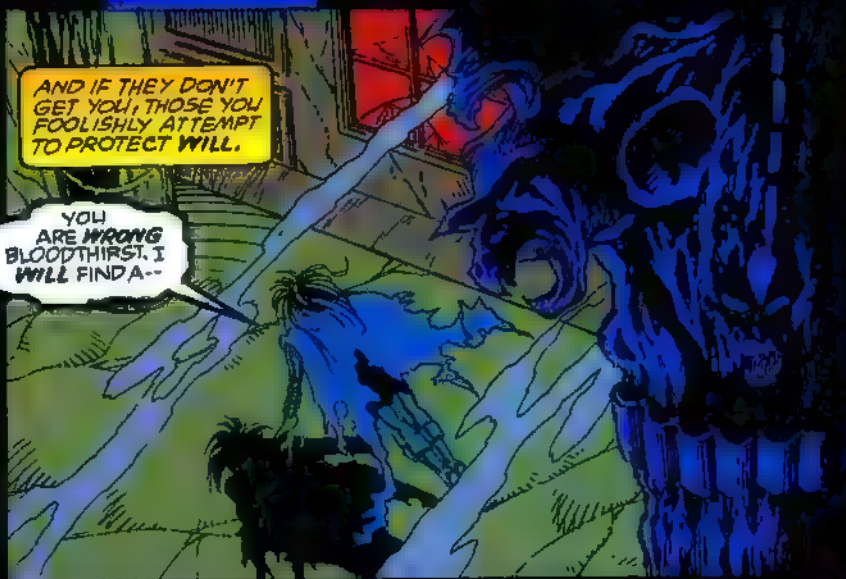






VERY CLEVER,
HUMAN

BUT YOU CANNOT
FOOL THE LILIN
FOR LONG.



AND IF THEY DON'T
GET YOU, THOSE YOU
FOOLISHLY ATTEMPT
TO PROTECT WILL.

YOU
ARE *WRONG*
BLOODTHIRSTY. I
WILL FIND A--



Skisssss!

MORBIUS!
YOU HAVE DONE
WELL BREACHING
STRANGE'S MANSION
FOR US!



WILL YOU HONOR US
BY SHARING IN OUR
FEAST?



A CHILD--

KRASH

IT IS
YOU I SHALL
FEAST UPON!

HULLP!

SKRAAAAH!

YOU LET OUR
PRISONERS
ESCAPE!

COME
AND GET
ME!

BACK OFF!
HE'S *MINE*! WARN
LILITH OF MORBIUS'S
TREACHERY!

TO THINK
I NEARLY FELT
KINSHIP
WITH YOUR KIND!

YES! A KINSHIP!
DON'T FIGHT IT!

SKRAKKK!



DON'T
FORCE ME
TO KILL YOU,
MORBIUS.

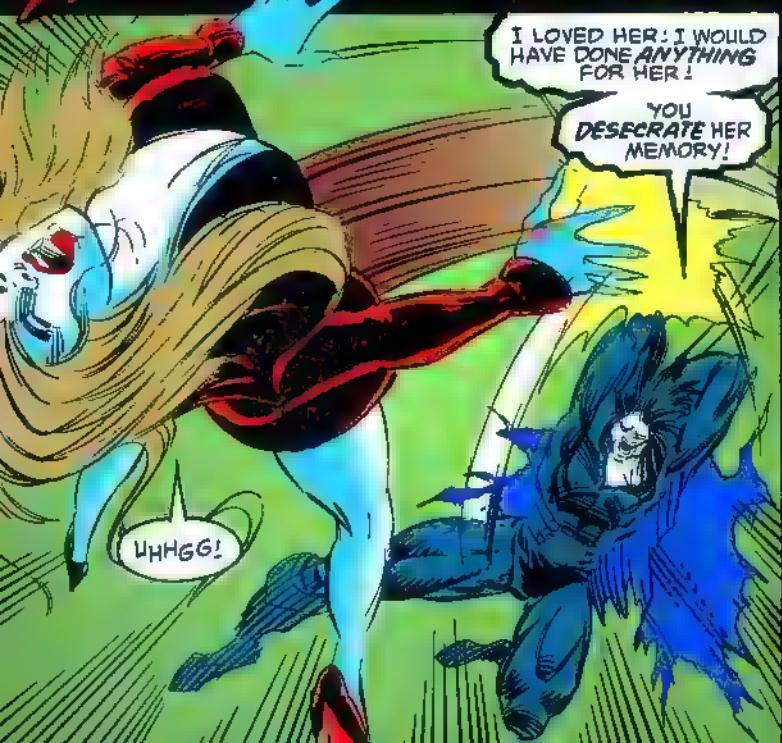


YOU MUST
RELINQUISH YOUR FORM
TO BLOODTHIRST IF
WE ARE TO BE
TOGETHER!



YOU ARE NOT
THE WOMAN I
ONCE LOVED!

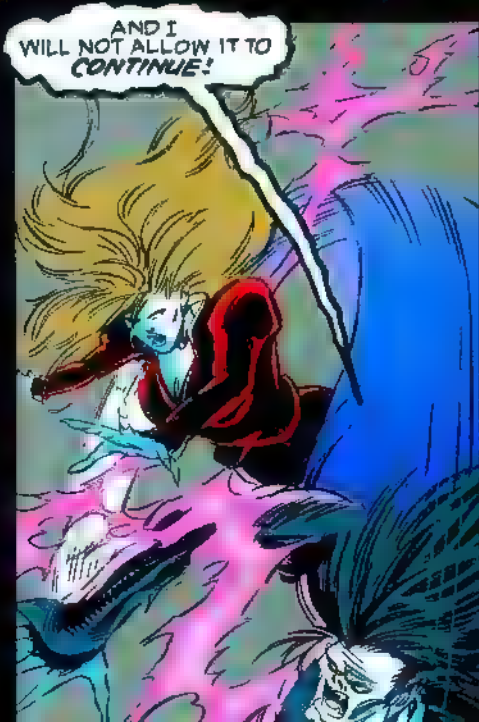
YOU ARE NOT
MARTINE
BANCROFT!



I LOVED HER: I WOULD
HAVE DONE ANYTHING
FOR HER!

YOU
DESECRATE HER
MEMORY!

UHHGG!



AND I
WILL NOT ALLOW IT TO
CONTINUE!



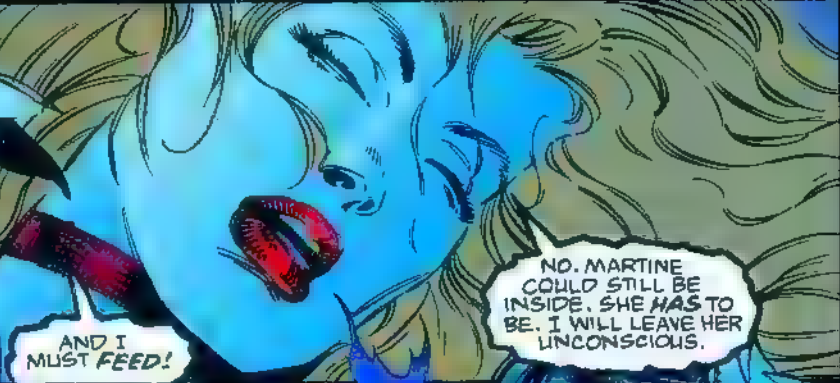
NO! YOU'RE KILLING HER-- IT'S YOUR BELOVED!



NO! SHE IS SOMETHING ELSE!



THE LILIN WILL KNOW I AM NOT ONE OF THEM--



AND I MUST FEED!

NO. MARTINE COULD STILL BE INSIDE. SHE HAS TO BE. I WILL LEAVE HER UNCONSCIOUS.

I AM NO LONGER SAFE WITHIN EITHER SIDE OF THIS BATTLE.

I MUST CONVINCE GHOST RIDER AND THE OTHERS THAT I AM ONE OF THEM AGAIN.



I MUST START WITH THE MOST SKEPTICAL OF THEM.

I MUST LOCATE BLADE!

CONTINUED IN
DOCTOR STRANGE #60.

TREACHERY REDEEMED

MORBIUS, UNDER THE EVIL LILIN INFLUENCE, HAS KILLED ONE OF THE MIDNIGHT SONS. HE HAS ALSO AIDED ZARATHOS AND LILITH IN THEIR ATTACK ON DR STRANGE'S MANSION.

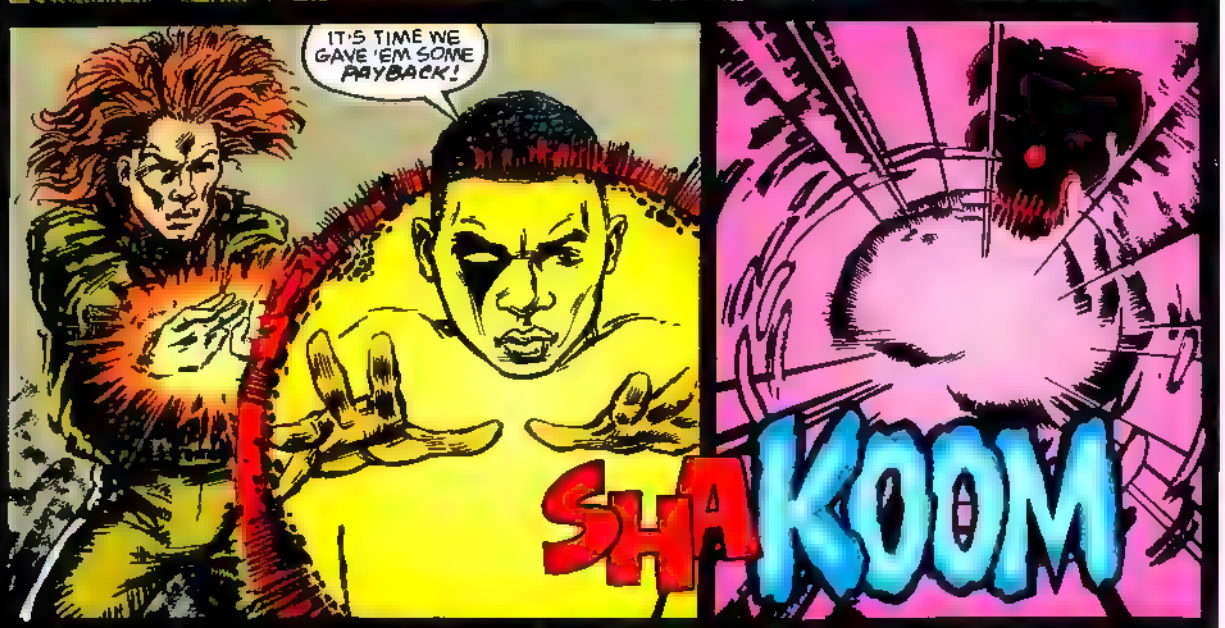
NOW FREE OF LILIN CONTROL, MORBIUS MUST STILL CONVINCE THEM OF HIS NEWFOUND HUMANITY.

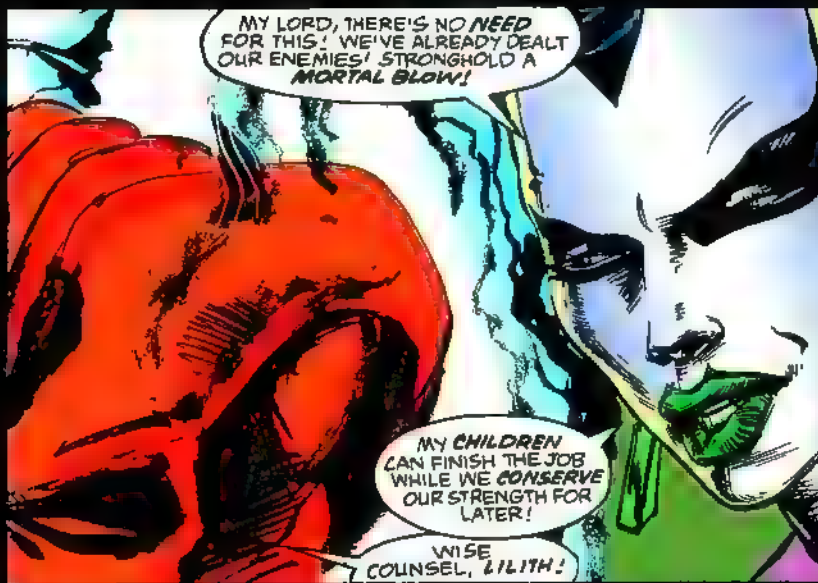
HE BELIEVES THAT IF HE CAN CONVINCE BLADE-- THE MOST SKEPTIC MIDNIGHT SON-- THEN THEY WILL ALL BE CONVINCED.

UNFORTUNATELY, BLADE IS NOT ALONE!

VENGEANCE!







"...OR THEIR DEATHS!"

MEANWHILE...

GHOST RIDER... MEANS IT!... TRYING... TO... STRANGLE ME!

ONE CHANCE... CATCH HIM BY SURPRISE...

WHACK

I DID IT! I'M FREE!

NOW I'VE GOT TO MAKE HIM LISTEN TO ME!

I'VE OVERCOME THE LIL' IN-SIDE MAN.

NO! MY THROAT'S TOO INJURED--I CAN'T SPEAK CLEARLY!

TCHINK

WORDS, MONSTER? AS IF THEY COULD SPEAK LOUDER THAN YOUR CRIMES?!

HEAR MY ANSWER...

--SHOUTED IN STEEL!



THOSE WOULD HAVE
KILLED ME IF I HADN'T
MORPHED MY BODY OUT
OF THE WAY!

BUT
THE STRAIN!

ARGH!

LET
IT BE FISTS,
THEN!

YOU WILL STILL
DIE!

THIS IS
MADNESS!



BRAAK



SKRUNCH



BRAKOW

HE'S *NOT* MY
ENEMY! I WON'T
FIGHT HIM!

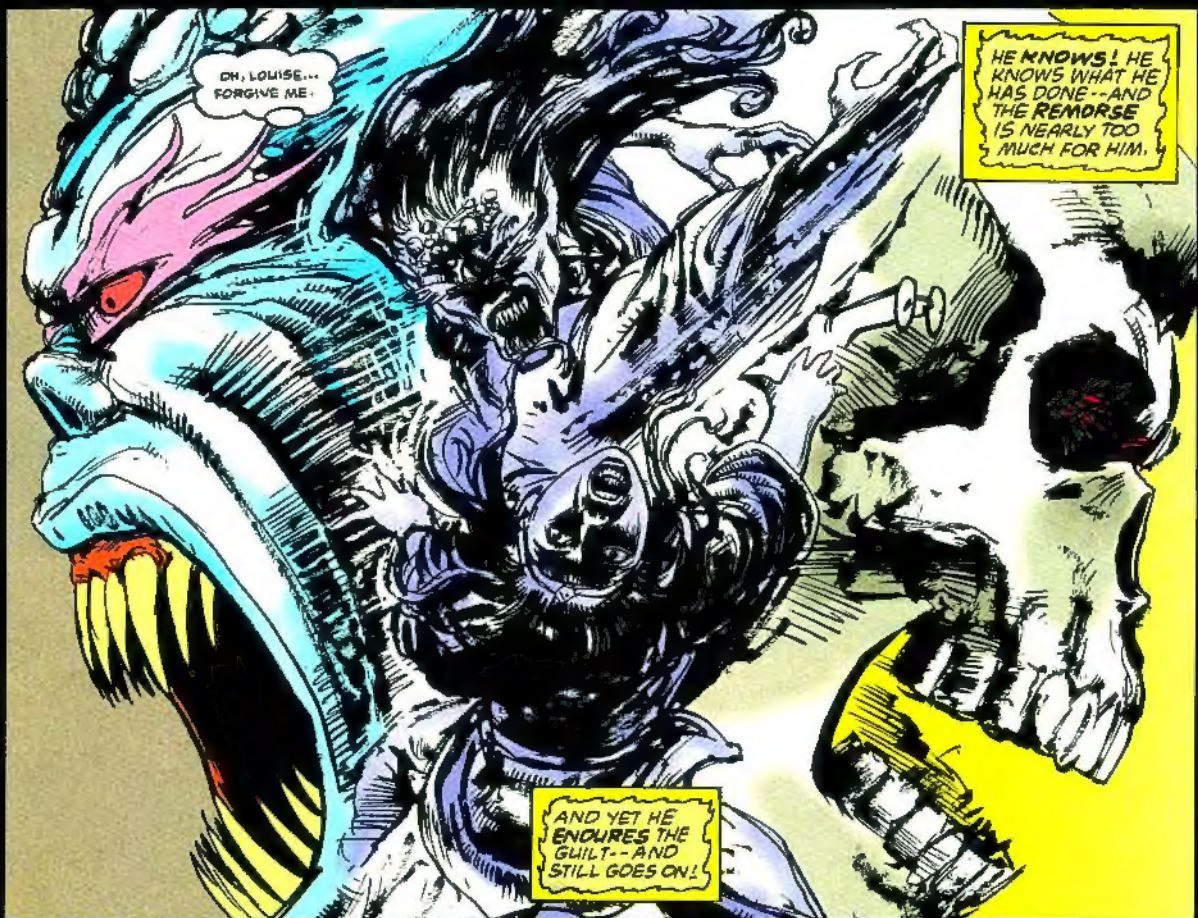


MORBIUS,
MY LOVE!
YOU LEFT ME
FOR DEAD.

ALTHOUGH
YOU ARE FIGHTING
YOUR FORMER
COMRADE.



I KNOW YOU HAVE
OVERCOME MOTHER'S PRE-
SENCE, AND SHE WILL KNOW SOON.



I SENSE A LILIN PRESENCE
WITHIN HIM... I SHOULD
HAVE SENSED IT WHEN I
GAVE HIM THE PENCE
STARE BEFORE.*

BUT THERE'S ALSO
A HUMAN FACTOR!

*IN MORBIUS #15...Richard

NO!

MARTINE,
ATTACKING FROM
BEHIND! WITH MY
THROAT, I CAN'T
WARN HIM!

KOOM

EH?

SWAK

A LILIN--BEHIND
ME?!

GUNGF!

AS FOR YOU,
MORBIUS--

GONE! ESCAPED INTO
THE MIST!

IS HE MORE
THAN THE SIMPLE
VILLAIN I'D
THOUGHT?

THE SIEGE CONTINUES IN DOCTOR STRANGE #60!